What is claimed is:

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1.   A search system, comprising:

an inputting device inputting specification information for collectively specifying a plurality
5   of search condition combinations; and

an instructing device instructing an information search based on the specification information.

2.   The search system according to claim 1,
10   wherein said inputting device inputs the specification information in a form of a table.

3.   The search system according to claim 1,

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further comprising
15   a generating device automatically generating the plurality of search condition combinations based on the specification information, wherein

said instructing device instructs an information search according to the plurality of search condition
20   combinations generated by said generating device.

4.   The search system according to claim 1, further comprising

a changing device changing a portion of search
25   conditions   included   in   the   specification

information, wherein said instructing device instructs a selective information search for the changed portion.

5   5.   A search system, comprising:

an obtaining device obtaining a plurality of search results for a plurality of search condition combinations; and

an outputting device collectively outputting

10   output information corresponding to the plurality of search results.

6.   The search system according to claim 5, wherein said outputting device outputs the output

15   information in a form of a table.

7.   The search system according to claim 5, wherein said outputting device switches and outputs at least two or more items of information among the

20   number of hits, a related word, and a search result list, as the output information.

8.   The search system according to claim 5, further comprising

25   a reflecting device reflecting a search result

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regarding a changed portion on the output information when the portion of search conditions included in the plurality of search condition combinations is changed.

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9. The search system according to claim 5, wherein

said outputting device comprises a graph device outputting graph information which represents the

10 output information.

10. The search system according to claim 9, wherein said outputting device selectively outputs a search result list corresponding to a portion of

15 graph information of the number of hits, when said graph device outputs the graph information of the number of hits.

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11. A search system, comprising:

20 an inputting device inputting specification information for collectively specifying a plurality of search condition combinations;

a searching device performing an information search based on the specification information; and

25 an outputting device collectively outputting

output information corresponding to a plurality of search results for the plurality of search condition combinations.

5   12.   A computer-readable storage medium on which is recorded a program for causing a computer to execute a process, said process comprising:

inputting specification information for collectively specifying a plurality of search

10   condition combinations; and

instructing an information search based on the specification information.

13.   A computer-readable storage medium on which

15   is recorded a program for causing a computer to execute a process, said process comprising:

obtaining a plurality of search results for a plurality of search condition combinations; and

collectively outputting output information

20   corresponding to the plurality of search results.

14.   A search method, comprising:

collectively specifying a plurality of search condition combinations;

25   performing an information search based on

specified information;

obtaining a plurality of search results for the plurality of search condition combinations; and

collectively outputting output information corresponding to the plurality of search results.

15. A search system, comprising:

inputting means for inputting specification information for collectively specifying a plurality of search condition combinations; and

instructing means for instructing an information search based on the specification information.

16. A search system, comprising:

obtaining means for obtaining a plurality of search results for a plurality of search condition combinations; and

outputting means for collectively outputting output information corresponding to the plurality of search results.